

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
PB9907

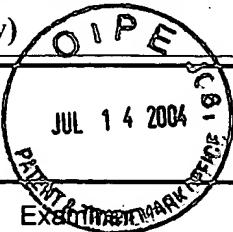
In Re Application Of: Anila Bhan, et al.

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Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
09/498,773	February 5, 2000	Lawrence E. Crane	22840	1623	9287

Invention: Method for Deprotecting Oligonucleotides



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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 12, 2004 above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: April 12, 2004
Date until: July 12, 2004
Date

The fee for the extension of time is \$950 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-590

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 502-590

Dated: July 12, 2004

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